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## THE PEOPLE LOVE THE FIGHTING QUALITIES OF SEN. J. A. REED

That Is Why He Was Given Such an Unprecedented Majority at the Late Primary

He Has a Mind of His Own and Uses the Same Freely, Wisely and Very Effectively



SENATOR JAMES A. REED

If there is one man in Missouri who can feel proud of his renomination it should be Senator James A. Reed, who is now so ably representing with Missouri's great senator, William Joel Stone, this great state in the national senate.

Senator Reed had but one opponent, Judge L. A. Martin of Chillicothe—who, by the way, is one of the great lawyers of Missouri and a most estimable gentleman—and the latter made a most active and vigorous campaign, visiting all of the big counties and cities of the state and by his pleasing personality securing many votes, but to no avail, for when the final result was disclosed it was found that Senator Reed had so much majority to his credit that it was hardly necessary to give the total.

### The Prime Reason

The prime reason why Senator Reed was renominated by such a splendid majority is that he has made good—he has represented the people of Missouri and he has been at his post at all times and at all hours fighting for them and for their interests. He, like Congressman Booher, believes that when a man is given a public office his place is where the people send him and not at some other point where he might incidentally help his own personal cause to the neglect of the people in whose employ he is.

### Reed Will Fight

The people of Missouri like Reed—they like him because he is a fighter and fights for their interest. They like him also from the fact that when

he says something the other senators and the people sit up and take notice. Just as an example of how he fights, when on July 21 the Bethlehem Steel company, through its hireling, Senator Penrose of the steel trust noxious fame, had carried through the senate a resolution which would allow the Bethlehem Steel company to print in the Congressional Record its offer to the government to furnish armor plate at a lower price than it had previously robbed the government of, Senator Reed, who was absent when the shameful procedure was rushed through, came into the senate chamber and, discovering what had transpired, delivered a speech which completely upset the robbers' program and which he concluded this way:

### A Twenty-Nine Year Steal

"For twenty-nine years, according to its own admission, the Bethlehem Steel company has robbed the government whose flag floats over it and whose armies and navies protect it by charging exorbitant prices for the armor plate it manufactured. Now, when the government proposes to build a plant of its own, to prevent this holdup, the Bethlehem Steel company, through its stockholders in the senate, asks unanimous consent to have its misleading propaganda and advertisements made a senate document, that it may be printed by the government and circulated through the mails free, and that it may be sent throughout the country with this brand of government sanction. It is a shameful proposition."

### WILL FIGHT WILSON

Because Of His Unchanged Attitude On Women Suffrage "He Must Go"

Colorado Springs, Col., Aug. 7.—The announcement from the White House that President Wilson's attitude toward the Susan B. Anthony amendment was unchanged was regarded at the headquarters of the National Woman's party as hostile to the movement.

"The women of the United States cannot allow a man who has taken such a stand to return to the White House for another four years," said Miss Mabel Vernon, secretary of the National Woman's party. "There is no other course for the National Woman's party to pursue. We must fight for our rights."

### BOOHER THANKS FRIENDS

Expresses His Gratitude For Efforts in His Behalf at Primary

"I most certainly appreciate the loyal and substantial support accorded me by my friends of the Fourth district during the late primary," writes Congressman Charles F. Booher from his post in Washington. "Their generous support is an indication that they recognize that when they select a man for public service he is their servant and should attend to the duties for which they selected him, no matter what the exigency, or how badly he recognized that he should look after his personal interests and preferment. The people of the Fourth district have shown by their ballots that they have faith in my desire to serve their best interests, and I can but express in mere words the appreciation which I feel of their generous support and their substantial encouragement of my course."

### JONES PLAYING POLITICS

Instead Of Fighting The Demon Rum He Is Trying To Turn Missouri Over To The Republicans

Editor Bate C. Drummond of the Lexington News, is one of the good advocates who sees through the scheme of the Anti-Saloon League to turn Missouri over to the Republicans. The News put up a strong fight to put the saloons out of business in Lexington, but could not overcome the handicap of Jones & Co. This is the opinion of the News regarding Jones.

"Just recently Jones of the Anti-Saloon League conducted a local option election in Lexington. It develops now that Jones put in more time playing politics than he did trying to make Lexington dry. Fred D. Gardner, candidate for governor was his special target. We are confident not many people will fall for anything that Jones says. It is quite apparent to everyone now that the Jones methods lost the dry cause a lot of votes in the recent election and several weeks close observation of Jones in action will enable the dry Democrats of this section to put correct estimate on everything that Jones says or does. Jones, Shupp and the Anti-Saloon League organization in Missouri are wearing the livery of Heaven to successfully serve the devil."

### TO ELIMINATE FACTIONS

The Congressional Committee Meeting Will Be One of Especial Interest

The Democratic congressional committee will meet at the Monroe Club rooms next Tuesday for the purpose of selecting a chairman and secretary of the committee and two members of the state committee. The meeting will be a most important one, as the two men to be selected as members of the state committee will be a party to formulating the state platform and, will also have much to do with the conduct of the state and national campaign.

Whom the committee will select is with the exception of Hon. I. R. Williams, who is now the chairman, problematic, but one thing is certain—and that is that neither of the factions that now war with each other in St. Joseph will be in the saddle. It is already definitely settled that I. R. Williams, who, on account of his connection with Congressman Booher, who is renominated, will again be the chairman, as it is his duty to look after the Democratic nominee of this district.

The consensus of opinion as reached from the expressions of the various chairmen of the county committees selected is that no St. Joseph man is desired or will be given preference in the selection of the state committee, for if such should be the case factionalism would enter into the matter, which would have much bearing on the November election, therefore St. Joseph candidates will be eliminated and the outside counties will be recognized.

### GREAT TENT MEETINGS

Democratic State Committee Getting Ready For Big Rallies All over The State

The state committee is working out a plan to hold a series of great tent meetings in all parts of the state. It is proposed to secure at least four tents, each with a seating capacity of from three to four thousand. These

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## DOUBTFUL STATES WORRY THE G. O. P.

Interesting Estimates Made by Careful Experts Show Drift to Wilson

### MICHIGAN TO BE A BATTLEGROUND

That Republican State Shows Strong Democratic Symptoms and Along With Maine and Other Heretofore Regarded Republican States Teaming With Disaffection Has Caused the Grand Old Party to Flood Those States With Exhorters and Whippers-in to Try to Drive the Disaffected Back into the Ranks.

Michigan this year gives every promise of being a genuine fighting ground for Democracy. Reports from the different cities are fast accumulating to prove this.

The presence of Woodrow Wilson at Detroit, the insurrection of the Progressives against the Perkins-Roosevelt delivery, and the great prosperity everywhere throughout Michigan are leaning strongly in favor of Democracy.

Mechanics who were getting two and three dollars three years ago are now receiving from four to six dollars, and they are content with present condition.

The mobilization of the troops towards the Mexican border has sent a message home that no other single act could impress the people of Michigan with the full benefit to the Nation of the Woodrow Wilson peace policy.

It looks very clearly from all of these reasons as if Michigan with its former 75,000 Republican plurality would be converted into a good working plurality for Democracy and Woodrow Wilson.

A close observer of the conditions in Ohio is even more emphatic in the declaration that Ohio will be a positive asset to the Woodrow Wilson election this year. Some of the most conservative business men of Cleveland, Toledo, and other important cities are making the open declaration that Ohio will be Democratic this year.

The appointment of the secretary of war and the recent appointment of the supreme court justice, both of whom are held in high esteem by the people of Ohio, will give an added incentive for the Ohioans to join the ranks of the new Democracy of Woodrow Wilson.

### Ohio Democrats Active

The activities of the Democracy in Ohio are very manifest at the present time. Perhaps one of the most unique inscriptions that has been put forth in the present campaign is that emanating from Ohio. The cartoon presents a cake of ice, and above it is "Just Ice Hughes" with a splendid assemblage about it.

There is an interest and enthusiasm that Democracy has rarely seen. While there may be some question about Ohio electing its Democratic Senator this year, the personality of the President and the prosperity of Ohio, all point very strongly towards Woodrow Wilson's success in Ohio.

The Golden State, too, has all the war marks of being added to the Democratic ranks. On account of the great disaffection caused by the Progressive convention, California is sorely nettled to a degree that it has never been in recent years. Most of the leading Progressives, including ex-governor Hiram Johnson, and a great number of other big guns have started booming for Wilson and any one acquainted with them can readily understand that their boom, once started, will not be hushed under any condition. Joe Scott of Los Angeles, is jubilant over the outlook for Wilson. Through northern California, in Keene and Kern counties and into Frisco itself there is a pervading spirit that Wilson will win in California.

Massachusetts, the old Bay State, the home of Cabot Lodge and former Senator Murray Crane, is also teeming over with disaffection towards the standpatters.

Matthew Hale, one of the most conspicuous of the Progressives, has openly come forth against any Progressive-Hughes combination. The feeling there in Boston, Lowell, Lynn, Fall River, Springfield and Holyoke, where many Progressives abide is very strong in its resentment against the apparent bargain and sale of the

Progressives at the Chicago convention.

Many of those men sincerely believe that the Progressive party was destined to be an instrument to compel both of the other parties to put forth their best idealism and aspirations. Many of those men believed in Theodore Roosevelt as their Moses to lead them out of the wilderness. Their disappointment is keen.

### Some Figures From Maine

An announcement made by William R. Pattangall, Democratic campaign manager in Maine, respecting the probable division of the Progressive vote in that state during the coming election, abounds in sound reasoning which will carry satisfaction to all Democrats.

It is the first responsible declaration by an active political leader in the hot campaign which has been started in that hitherto pivotal state. Mr. Pattangall's statement will carry little comfort to the Republicans at home or abroad. They had fondly hoped to fairly snatch Maine from the Democrats while they were not looking and run away with it.

Mr. Pattangall's estimate is that one half of the men who voted for Gardner two years ago, and there were 18,000 of them, will align themselves with the Democratic party this year. It will not be necessary for the Democrats to share equally with the Republicans in a division of the Progressive vote to carry the state this year.

Figuring on the basis of the 1914 campaign, considerably less than one half of the Progressive vote will be sufficient to carry Governor Curtis through, and this being a national campaign year it is fair to assume that the vote will be heavier than in 1914.

That the Republicans saw the handwriting on the wall when the Progressives failed to put out a state ticket in Maine is clearly manifest by their sending a small army of orators from Congress to stir the waters in that state.

### BURNES NATIONAL FOR LAKE FUNDS

Secretary of War Baker Selects It as the Depository for the Lake Contrary Funds

A telegram received Thursday from Congressman Charles F. Booher by acting Chairman William E. Spratt of the Commerce Club river committee stated that Secretary of War Newton D. Baker had selected the Burnes National

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### CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE CALL

Chairman Williams Calls It to Meet at the Monroe Club Rooms Next Tuesday

The members of the newly elected congressional committee for the Fourth district of Missouri are hereby requested to meet at the Monroe club rooms in St. Joseph, Mo., Tuesday, August 15, 1916, at 2 p. m. for the purpose of selecting two members of the state committee and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it.

I. R. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

### ROBERT I. YOUNG EXTENDS THANKS



HON. ROBERT I. YOUNG

"I was defeated for the nomination that I sought," said Robert I. Young, late candidate for congress from this district, speaking to a reporter Thursday, "but that does not prevent me from thanking the friends who so loyally stood by me in the late primary. And," he continued, "it does not prevent me from announcing that I shall be a candidate for the same office in 1918."

## "MR. HUGHES, MR. WILSON AND FACTS"

The Speech of Acceptance as Seen by an Independent Local Paper

### SAD DISAPPOINTMENT TO HIS ADMIRERS

The St. Joseph News-Press is Not Always Right but When It Comes to a Dissection and Dislocation of the Studied Effort of Candidate Hughes It Hits the Nail Squarely on the Head and Gives the Facts as They Are Shown by the Candidate's Utterances.

The St. Joseph News-Press is a great newspaper—of this there is no question for it is conducted on modern lines and by men who know how to run a real newspaper, therefore it not only has a circulation but it also has deserved prestige. The only fault that can be found with it is that often it wants things entirely its own way in local affairs and to gain its point will add on the "color" but when it comes to matters aside from local considerations it hits the right side by forgetting personal desires and interests and stands for the good of the people at large. As a late instance it is but necessary to refer to an editorial which appeared the day after candidate Hughes made his speech of acceptance which hits the nail squarely and forcibly on the head. Fearing that it might not attain the wide publicity which an article of such truth and general interest should have it is hereby reproduced in these columns. It says:

Deeply Considered—Carefully Worded  
"Mr. Hughes' speech of acceptance is a deeply considered and carefully worded outgiving, upon a momentous occasion, by a man of genuine ability and pre-eminent worth. Therefore, it is the more remarkable for its weakness of argument against Mr. Wilson, of whose administration it is a political criticism for campaign purposes.

"In pointing out what he deems the shortcomings of the administration, Mr. Hughes seeks to convince the public that Mr. Wilson has been a failure. It is never difficult to make a review and to point out wherein things might have been done differently. Thus Mr. Hughes finds it easy to criticize certain policies which Mr. Wilson has pursued; but Mr. Hughes does not indicate what Mr. Wilson should have done or what he himself would have done in the circumstances. He just asserts that Mr. Wilson blundered and lets it go at that.

"The European war confronted Mr. Wilson with unprecedented conditions and it was his task to maintain the neutrality of this nation and its integrity as well. Besides, he inherited a condition in Mexico that has constantly invited drastic action. Mr. Hughes gives assurance that "this nation has no policy of aggression toward Mexico." Yet he finds fault because Mr. Wilson's policy has not been aggressive.

### Would He Have Fought Germany?

"Mr. Hughes is confident that the Lusitania would not have been sunk and that in other instances American lives would not have been destroyed had Mr. Wilson made stronger representations before these tragedies occurred. How much stronger would Mr. Hughes have made his representations to Berlin than those sent by Mr. Wilson? Would he have directly and bluntly threatened Germany with war and thus taken the chance of plunging this country into the European calamity?

"Mr. Hughes denounces 'all plots and conspiracies in the interest of any foreign nation.' But who could have gone farther in such denunciation than Mr. Wilson? Besides, hasn't Mr. Wilson successfully put a stop to these depredations and landed a number of the plotters in jail?

"Mr. Hughes deplores the fact that this country is shockingly unprepared. True, but who has been stronger than Mr. Wilson in efforts for preparedness? And aren't we preparing for national defense just as rapidly as congress can get together upon these proposals?

"Mr. Hughes contemplates industrial and commercial conditions, he sees that we are living in a fool's paradise. Mr. Hughes is not alone in this

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